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Federal Communications Commission
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Attention: FCC Docket 92-235

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of Sussex is a rural County in Northwest New Jersey with a population of about 135,000 and an area of 527 square miles bordered by New York State to the North, Delaware River to the West, and three counties to the South and East. Our countywide radio system, which was upgraded during 1987, serves the Departments of Public Works, Public Health and Safety, Emergency Management, Fire Marshall, Medical Examiner, County Sheriff, Sussex County MUA, and the County Prosecutor's Office. Communications, within the Department of Public Works, is an extremely valuable tool in the deliverance of routine as well as emergency services in the areas of Roads, Bridges, Transit, Buildings and Grounds, Shade Tree, and Motor Pool operations.

It is our understanding that the new regulations would limit radio frequencies available to local governments for two-way communications, as well as the power of the base stations by as much as 30 to 50%. With a band width of only 4 (four) KHZ proposed, our current radio equipment would be effectively obsolete. We will be forced to either accept reduced coverage or

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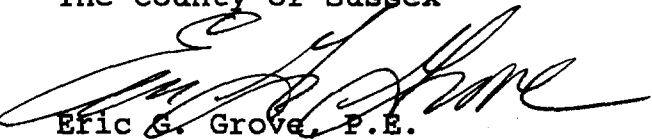
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I would suggest that a provision be made for waiver of the rules in the rural areas or that they not be adopted/implemented. If such rules are implemented, there should be Federal funding available to meet this requirement since locally this would be very difficult to fund.

Very truly yours,
The County of Sussex



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